(b) The Government of India have already issued detailed instructions that the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe persons on migration from the State of their origin to another State will not lose their status as Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and that they will be entitled to the concessions/benefits admissible to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes from the State of their origin. For admissions into the educational institutions controlled by the Government of India, and recruitment to Central Government Services, all Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are treated alike irrespective of the states to which they belong.

Reservations for physically handicapped persons in Government/Public Sector Undertakings

1925. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain reservations have been made for physically handicapped persons in all Government as well as Public Sector Undertakings ;

(b) if so, the details of these reservations and what formalities are to be undertaken by these handicapped persons to get benefit of such reservations ;

(c) what is the basic concept of physically handicapped; and

(d) the authority which has been empowered to declare a person physically handicapped with detailed criteria thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In government as well as Public Sector Undertakings 3% of the Group 'C' & 'D' posts are reserved for the Handicapped. The Handicapped have to register their names with any of the Special Employment Exchanges, or the Special Cells in normal Employment Exchanges, or Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for the Physically Handicapped. They sponsor the handicapped persons registered with them for employment in Government and Public Sector Undertakings. The Handicapped person may also apply in response to any advertisement by the Public Sector Undertakings, or may take examinations conducted by the Staff Selection Commission under the Special Drive Scheme of the Ministry of Welfare.

(c) Handicapped are defined by the Central Government for purposes of employment as in Annexure—I.

(d) The authorised certifying authority will be a medical board at the District level. The board will consist of the Chief Medical Officer /Sub Divisional Medical Officer in the District, and another expert in the specified field, *viz.* opthalmic surgeon in case of visual handicaps; either ENT surgeon or an audiologist in case of speech and hearing handicaps; an orthopaedic surgeon or a specialist in physical medicine & rehabilitation in case of locomotor handicaps. The criteria of handicapped as given in Annexure I is to be adopted by the above-mentioned authorities.

Statement

(1) Visually Handicapped

The definition adopted for visual handicapped for extending the concession, scholarships admission to Integrated education system, reservation in jobs, assistance for purchase/fitting of aids and appliances :—

The blind are those who suffer from either of the following conditions :—

(a) Total absence of sight.

(b) Visual acquity not exceeding 6/60 or 20/200 (snellen) in the better eye with correcting lences.

(c) Limitation of the field of vision substending and angle of degree or worse—

Definition of Hearing Handicapped under various schemes SCHOLARSHIPS.

The deaf are those in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional for ordinary purposes of life. They do not hear/understand sound at all even with amplified speech. The cases included in this category will be those having hearing loss more than 70 decibles in the better ear (profound impairment) or total loss of hearing in both ears.

Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances.

The partially hearing are those falling under any one of the categories indicated below :—

Category	Hearing acquity
Mild impairment	More than 30 but not more than 45 decibles in better ear.
Serious impairment . . .	More than 45 but not more than 60 decibles in better ear.
Severe impairment	More than 60 but not more than 90 decibles in the better ear.

Reservation Orders issued by Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

The deaf are those in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional for ordinary purposes of life. They do not hear understand sounds at all events with amplified speech. The cases included in this category will be those having loss more than 90 decibles in the better ear (profound impairment) or total loss of hearing in both ears.

Locomotor Handicapped

Similarly the definition adopted for orthopaedically handicapped is not uniform as all orthopaedically handicapped are eligible for getting a scholarship but only those orthopaedically handicapped person can get the facility of reservation in jobs as have a minimum of 40% disability.

मध्य प्रदेश में पेय जल योजना के लिये विश्व बैंक से सहायता

1926. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के दस प्रमुख नगरों में पेय जल संकट को दूर करने के लिए विश्व बैंक की सहायता से बनाई गई 115 करोड़ रुपये की स्वीकृत योजना आवंटन तथा अन्य तकनीकी स्वीकृति के अभाव में रुकी पड़ी है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप इन नगरों को पेय जल की भारी कमी का सामना करना पड रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या शेष कार्य के शीघ्र आरंभ किये जाने तथा पूरे किये जाने की संभावना है?